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T is confidently reported, that when the Author of that ever memorable Treatise call'd, A PROPER REPLY, which has so effectually secured to him the entire Confidence of all Parties, consulted the famous *Berhaave* upon the unhappy State of his Health, the Doctor gave

in this honest and wholesome Advice, Not to meddle more with POLITICKS. THE universal Reputation which this Gentleman acquir'd by his Political Writings, could not visibly have escaped the Doctor's Notice; and, no doubt, he must have heard the common Observation which was made by those who saw and convers'd with him; That he has visibly declin'd in his Health, ever since publishing his Proper Reply.

It goes against my Heart, (to borrow a Phrase of my own in the Craftsman of the 25th Instant) to call to his Remembrance that most judicious Composition. But who, that has the least Spark of Love for his Country's Good, can bear to see so precious a life wearying itself in an endless Pursuit of — I know not what? For alas! what has he to hope for, now, after he has been doing the Drudgery of others, and himself at last Neglected, Dispised, Distrusted?

WHEN I took up the Craftsman of the 4th Instant, I could not help saying within myself; what, this poor Man got into this Paper again? Is he resolved once more to commence a Political Writer, in contempt of the most serious Admonition of the great *Berhaave*? And is his pacifick Temper so soon dash'd?

WHEN he set out on his Travels the last Summer, it was generally believed, that he had taken his final Leave of the Craftsman; all his Brethren of the Pen, out of pure Compassion to the Man, took their final Leave of him. But 't is difficult to it to subdue an inveterate Habit, under any Change of Circumstances, even where Life is concern'd, that the art of Scribbling is return'd to him again.

In a first Time of his Appearance in the Craftsman, since his Return from his Travels, was, I think, in the Paper of the 4th Instant. This drew upon him Animadversions of several Writers, which has made him shake off his Letbargy; and in one Paper, the Craftsman of the 25th Instant, he gives an Answer at once to the whole Parcel of dull Rogues, who presume to pester him with their Writings.

THE greatest Wits are sometimes apt to nod, so it fares with this Gentleman; for, according to usual Custom, he blunders at his setting out, in very first Paragraph of his Paper.

THE present Scribblers (says he) in the Gazetteer, are such a Parcel of dull Rogues, that he is afraid his Readers will think it loss of Time to bestow any Animadversions upon them; and he verily believes, the honourable Gentleman cannot be deafed to see his Cause defended in so slovenly a Manner.

AND, before he is well got through half his Paper, he acknowledges, there are some Writers in the Gazetteer of a higher Spirit, and a much superior Rank; and even the honourable Gentleman himself is introduced as one of that Number.

THE poor Man could hold no longer, and so the honourable Gentleman is lugg'd in as a Writer in the Gazetteer, that he might have some Pretence for retaining his former Post in the Craftsman.

IT seems, what has called him up in the Craftsman before me, of the 25th Instant is, 'That he cannot bear to see the Memory of Queen Elizabeth blacken'd, as it has been by some late Writers in the Gazetteer.'

WHAT can be the Reason of this (says he) at this Time, I know not, and shall not pretend to guess. But I have been told (pray observe) that nothing is better received in a certain Place, than any Attempt to depreciate the Character of that excellent Princess, and that even the least honourable Mention of her Name is look'd upon as a Sort of Affront.

He can't guess at the Reason; and then suggests, that the most inveterate and impotent Malice invent.

It has generally been observed of those, who

have been sent to travel, that if they have not much increased in Knowledge, yet they have been found to improve in good Manners and Behaviour. But this Gentleman returns just as Polite, as he was before he left his native Country.

BUT in sober Sadness; what is all this idle Stuff, of his being told that nothing is better received in a certain Place, than any Attempt to depreciate the Character of that excellent Princess; and that the least honourable Mention of her is look'd upon as a sort of Affront!

I shall expect to hear, that he, good Man, meant nothing less than any sort of Reflection by this, and that it is only my prudent Application of it, for which no doubt some Persons are highly obliged to me.

BUT will he never leave off this Sort of secret History? Will not the bitter Remembrance, how fatal it was to him some few Years ago, and what will cleave to him down to his very Grave, teach him more Prudence? Will he always stand in Need of some kind Monitor to repeat it to him: Remember the Proper Reply?

BUT for goodness Sake; who are these Writers, that exert all their little Arts to blacken the Memory of Queen Elizabeth? Shall this Mountebank and his Jack Pudding, who, I think, are the only loving Pair of Scribblers now left in the Craftsman; shall they be at Liberty to draw Parallels between the Reign of that Queen, and some Princes since her Time, with no other View, but to wound the Characters of those Princes, by base and false Innuendoes? And shall no one set the Character of that Queen, and her Successors, in a true and a just Light, but these Creatures shall exclaim against their blackening the Memory of that Queen; and have the Insolence to throw out I know not what Trumpety, of nothing being better received in a certain Place, where it is looked upon as an Affront to mention her Name with the least Honour?

BUT there is one Paper in the Gazetteer of the 10th Instant, which seems to have gall'd this poor Gentleman to the Quick; tho' the Author of it has not said one Word to depreciate the Character of his favourite Queen.

He is pleased to call that Paper a Piece of political Buffoonery; I should rather have expected to find him ridiculing the Author for his dull Gravity; but I am afraid the Gentleman could not digest some Home Truths, which that Paper holds up to his View, and this has a little ruffled his Temper.

His pitiful Carping at some Expressions in it, and his poor Endeavours to pervert the Sense of the Author, deserve no Answer.

BUT I must not pass over his own beloved Talent of Buffoonery.

He tells his Readers; 'that, as he had not heard from that Writer for some Time, he was afraid he had been driven off the Stage; but since he finds him a Gentleman of a bony Spirit, he has some Thoughts of providing for him, by recommending him to King THEODORE, for his Majesty's Jester.'

IS I know any thing of that Gentleman's Temper, he will always be ready to attend this Buffoon, whenever he mounts the Stage.

IF I am not greatly mistaken, it was the general Opinion, that he had his Belly-full of writing and acting the Buffoon, when he set out last Summer on his Travels, and that he never would have ventured to mount the Stage again.

BUT, it seems, his noble and heroick Spirit, cannot bear to be told of his having made a shameful Retreat.

AND therefore he lays about him, like the Captain General of the Band of Jesters, with all his Artillery, to ridicule what he dares not Attempt to give a sober Answer to; and when he feels himself stung with the absurd Wit, as he calls it, of this Writer in the Gazetteer, he vainly and foolishly Hopes to turn it off with a Sneeze, by telling him, 'he Designs to recommend him to King Theodore, for his Majesty's Jester.'

I should have thought indeed, that he would have reserved that Employment for himself; but it is probable, he has higher Views, and expects to be of the Privy Council to that Monarch, and to be created a Peer; since, as I remember, he tells us in his Proper Reply,

— That he should be glad of a Peerage for his Family.

AND I am the more confirmed in this, as I cannot see at present any great Prospect he has of arriving at that Dignity, if he should neglect this Opportunity of improving his Interest with King Theodore.

FOR to do the poor Gentleman Justice, he has been for so many Years the publick Jester in his own Country, one while the Hackney Lrell for this Party, and when his Wit has fail'd him there, then turn'd over to the other Side, that he is now become the Jester and the Scorn of all Parties, having ridicul'd, and revil'd, and critiz'd to all of them in their several Turns.

L O N D O N .

Letters by the last Dutch Mail from Stockholm say, that in the first Audience which Mr Finch had of his Swedish Majesty, he delivered him his Britannick Majesty's Ratification of the Treaty concluded between the two Courts, and that in pursuance of certain Articles of the said Treaty, Orders have lately been sent to all the Governors and Commanders in the Ports of Sweden, that such English Ships as arrive there, may enjoy several Advantages they never enjoyed before, as the Swedish Ships are to do likewise in the Harbours of England, Scotland and Ireland.

The Emperor having referred it to his Britannick Majesty to decide the Affair of East Frisland, has order'd all the Acts and Vouchers relating to that Matter to be communicated to him, which are so numerous, that the very Index of 'em, drawn up as a Repertory, takes up a Volume in Folio.

His Imperial Majesty has order'd the late Prince Eugene's Picture to be drawn at full Length, and plac'd in his Bed-chamber.

Mr Robinson, the British Minister at Vienna, propos'd to set out about this time for London.

They had some Letters at Vienna from Italy, with Advice that the Duke de Montemar had call'd off most of the Piaget Guards that he had posted on the Frontiers of Tuscany, and put them on board a Dutch Transport, to be sent to Barcelona.

They write from Rome, that the Baron de Neuhoff continues there incog. and has had private Interviews with some Persons of Distinction, particularly a certain Foreign Minister, and that he expects an Answer to a Letter he wrote to Naples, to know when he shall set out thither. Frequent Conferences are still held privately at the House of the Chevalier de St. George. The young Duke of Berwick, his pretended Nephew, who continues at Naples, waiting for a Remittance from the Court of Spain, is, they say, to come to Rome to go thro' a Course of Studies in the Clementine College.

The Mortality among the Cattle still raged to such a Degree in the Ecclesiastical State, that the Pope forbade the Playing of any Opera or Comedy, or any other Rejoicing during the Carnival.

The Letters from Paris mention the Ravages committed by the Nocturnal Prince's Gang every Night in the Streets of that City. Several of these Banditti have been already apprehended, who declare the whole Number to be above 300. About 3 Weeks ago they robbed a Valet de Chambre, who had just been to receive 4000 Livres for his Master, and left him almost naked. The Fellow being afraid to go home to his Master, went and inform'd an Officer of the Robbery, who made such diligent Search, that before the next Day he apprehended the Robbers with the Money upon 'em. They say, that some young Fellows of good Families, that are abandon'd Rakes, have had so little Honour and Sense, as to lift themselves under the Banner of this Prince of the Night. The Villains of this Band having, as they threaten'd, murder'd several People who appear'd in the Streets in the Night without Money or Jewels about them. M. Herault, Lieutenant General of the Police, has not only doubled the Horse and Foot Watch, but has caused all the ready furnish'd Lodgings to be search'd, both in the City and Suburbs, and taken up a great many idle People of both Sexes, who have no means of Subsistence, but Sharpening and Trickling, among whom several have been

been discovered to be of the *Nocturnal Crew*. The said Magistrate, always careful of the publick Tranquillity, has, for preventing the Mischiefs and Outrages usually committed in the Christmas Holidays, publish'd an Order for all Vintners, Victuallers, Cooks, Keepers of Ordinaries, Limonade Houses, &c. not to keep their Shops open, or to sell any thing after 8 o'Clock at Night, on the Payment of a Fine.

By Letters from Radnorshire in Wales, we understand, that John Hughes and Joshua Hughes, Quakers, of Llandegley in that County, have been prosecuted in the Chancery Court of the Great Sessions there, for four Years Tythe.

The Prosecutor's Demand on the said John Hughes, being for	1	6	3
And on the said Joshua Hughes,	4	1	9
In all,	5	8	0

And that by a Sequestration, executed on the 15th of October last, the said John Hughes, a poor Man, had his Bed, Bed Clothes, and other Household Stuff taken away, worth

And the said Joshua had taken from him seven Cows and a Bull, two Oxen, one Horse, and one Mare, worth

Besides two Mows of Corn seiz'd, worth

In all, to the Value of	40	5	6
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By which it appears, that the severe Prosecutions against the Quakers, are continued.

Last Sunday at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Aldborough Man of War, Part of the Squadron to Convoy his Majesty from Holland, was drove into the Downs by Stress of Weather.

The Caroline Yacht, having on board the King, Lord Delawar, Sir Charles Wager, and several other Persons of Distinction, was drove within a few Leagues of Yarmouth, but the Sea beating so high, there was no Possibility of reaching the Shore, which was the Occasion of their putting back to Helvoetsluys.

The Sloop, Capt. Ashby Commander, having on board all the State Papers, some of the Clerks of Lord Harrington's Office, Mr. Walpole's Baggage, &c. being a-head of the Fleet and almost out of Sight when the Signal was given for their tacking about, the Commander kept his Course, and brought his Vessel into the River on Friday last, tho' very much damaged.

His Majesty's Ships the Princess Louisa, Greenwich, Aldborough, and Swift Sloop, are ordered to Helvoetsluys to reinforce his Majesty's Convoy.

The Lords of the Admiralty has appointed Capt. Trevor, to be Capt. of his Majesty's Ship the Canterbury, stationed at Plymouth, in the room of Capt. Luke, deceased.

Last Night James Ryan was committed to Newgate by Col. Williamson, on Oath of Francis Obrian, for being concerned with him in several Robberies on the Highway, &c. He is supposed to be the Person who robbed Mr. Short on the Highway, for which John Turor is under Sentence of Death in Newgate, and so very dangerously ill that his Life is dispaired of.

Yesterday Thomas Witty of Huntingdon, Esq; was married at Audley street Chapel to Miss Gee, Daughter of — Gee of Hatfield in the County of Hertford, Esq;

Last Monday died, very rich, at his House in Hatton Garden, Richard Sheldon, Esq; a Gentleman universally regretted by all who had the Pleasure of his Acquaintance.

The Right Hon. the Lord Cathcart, and several other Persons of Distinction, are this Day expected here from Ireland.

On Monday last a List of the Prisoners confined in the Two Compters upon Executions from the Court of Conscience and other small Debts, was delivered to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, in order to their being discharged by the Money collected by his Lordship and the Sheriffs on Friday last from the several Markets.

The later End of last Week Mr. George Putland, who keeps the Feathers Tavern opposite to St. Clement's Church in the Strand, was married to Mrs. Baker of Oxford, a young Gentlewoman of great Merit, and a Fortune of 2000l.

We hear that his most Christian Majesty has nominated the Count of Cambis, to succeed Mr. de

Chavigni, as Ambassador to this Court, and his Excellency is expected here in April next.

Yesterday several Persons who were lately taken into Custody by his Majesty's Messengers, for printing and publishing Nixon's Trial, were examined, some of whom were admitted to Bail.

Yesterday a Soldier of the second Regiment of Foot Guards, received two hundred Lashes on the Parade in St. James's Park, and afterwards was drum'd out with a Halter about his Neck, for stealing a Warming-Pan.

The Hon. John Verny, Esq; Chief Justice of Chester, lies dangerously ill of the Gout.

On Friday next the Ode for New Years Day, composed by Colly Cibber, Esq; Poet Laureat to his Majesty, and set to Musick by Maurice Green, Esq; Master of his Majesty's Band of Musick, will be rehearsed at the Golden Lion Tavern, Temple-Bar.

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